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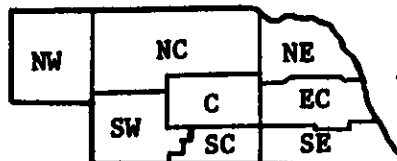
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WEATHER

The week was mild and dry until the last couple of days. Average temperatures ranged from three to eight degrees above normals. Rainfall amounts at the end of the week ranged from a few tenths up to three-fourths of an inch.

GENERAL

Weather conditions remained favorable for the final stages of fall row crop harvesting. Scattered showers early in the week were beneficial and did not hamper late harvest progress. Fall tillage was active in most areas. Stalk shredding and disking took place on crop residue. Application of anhydrous ammonia was also active. Grain hauling and farm maintenance rounded out the week, which averaged 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork.

Topsoil moisture supply rated 52% short, and 48% adequate. Good rains over the weekend will boost topsoil moisture for most of the State. Subsoil moisture rated 36% short and 64% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture rated 78% adequate and 22% surplus, while subsoil moisture rated 2% short, 80% adequate and 18% surplus.

CROPS

Corn harvest was virtually complete by the end of the week. Only a few lowland fields remain unharvested in several counties. Last year, harvest was 79% complete at this time. The average is 80% complete.

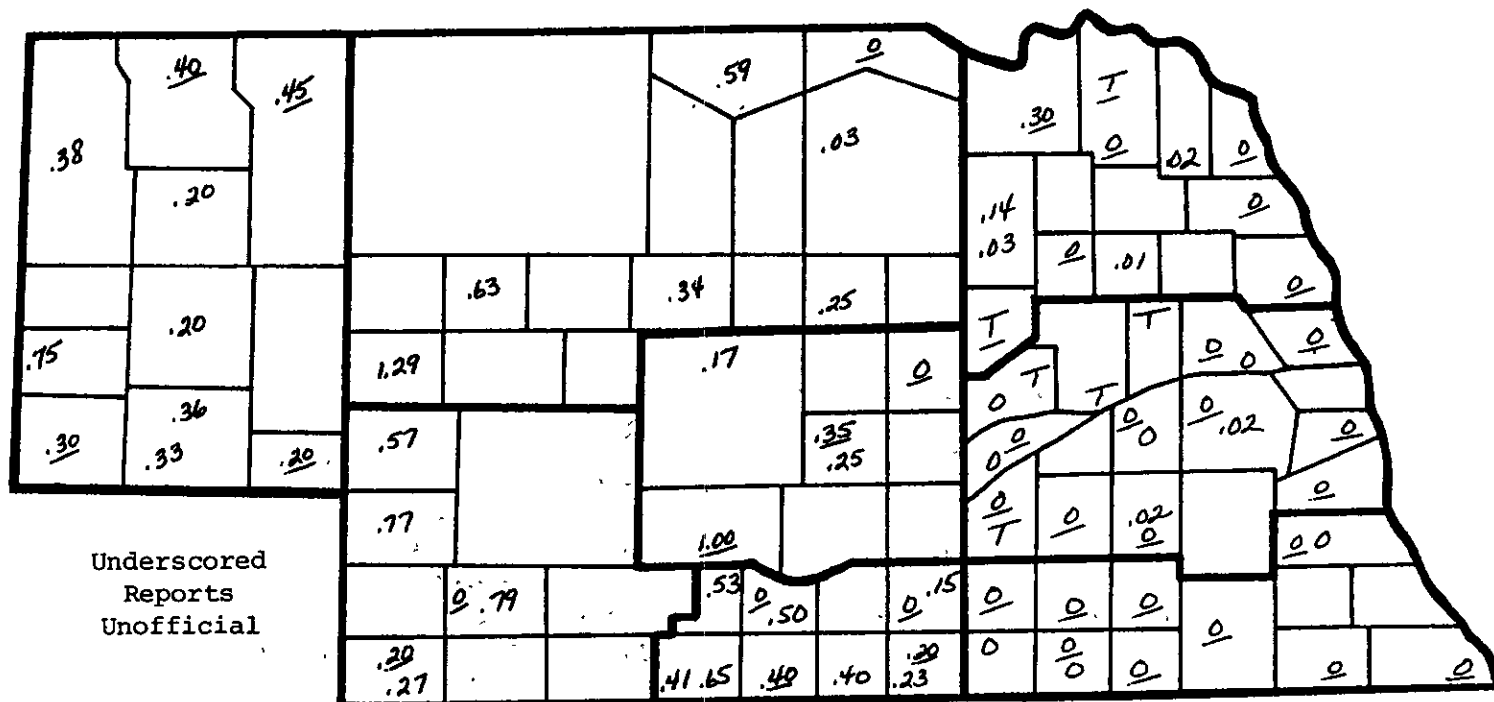
Sorghum harvest was completed during the week. At this time last year, 88% was harvested while the average is 92%.

Winter wheat condition improved during the week to 6% poor, 48% fair, and 46% good. Precipitation early in the week in western Nebraska and throughout most of the State during the weekend provided much needed moisture to the crop.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated 13% short, 82% adequate and 5% surplus. More cattle were turned out into the available stalk fields during the week. Weaning calves continued as well as moving hay and preparing for winter.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1987



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1987

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	65	13	43	--	.22
	Scottsbluff	63	24	44	+7	.60
	Sidney	66	19	42	--	.07
NC	Ord	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	66	18	43	+8	.12
NE	Norfolk	68	15	43	+6	.76
	Sioux City	65	17	44	+6	.08
CEN	Grand Island	66	15	42	+3	.53
EC	Lincoln	69	16	44	+4	.17
	Omaha	63	24	45	+6	.16
SW	Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
	North Platte	64	19	41	+5	.50

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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